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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Monon Railroad research collection
Date	1842-1957
Extent	2.5 Cubic feet 6 manuscript boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The New Albany-Salem Rail Road was founded in July 8, 1847, running from the Ohio River at New Albany, Indiana to Salem, Indiana. By 1854 the railroad was complete, connecting the Ohio River at New Albany with Lake Michigan at Michigan City, Indiana.

The railroad went into receivership in 1858 and when it emerged, the name became the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad. Morgan's Raiders attacked the railroad lines during the Civil War. In April, 1865, a Monon engine pulled President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train over the 90 miles from Lafayette to Michigan City.

In 1897, the name was changed again to the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railroad. The nickname "Monon" came from the fact that the lines added to the system crossed in Monon, IN. Monon is an Indiana word, perhaps meaning "tote" or "swift running".

The Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company was reorganized as the Monon Railroad "The Hoosier Line" (headquartered in Chicago, IL), beginning in 1946 and effective in 1956. The Monon Railroad was the first class "A" railroad to become fully dieselized. It became an all-freight line in 1967, when the last of its passenger trains, the Thoroughbred, ceased running.

Indiana limestone was used to construct the Empire State building, the Pentagon, the National Cathedral, the Washington monument, and countless private buildings, museums, bridges, churches, walkways, monuments, statues, and gravestones. Each new slab of Indiana limestone rode a Monon flatcar first, wherever its destination.

The Monon Railroad then merged into Louisville and Nashville Railroad, effective July 31, 1971, with Louisville and Nashville Railroad (headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky) becoming the surviving corporation. Some of the former Monon right of way is operated today by CSX Transportation.

Information found within the collection.

"History Of The Monon". Monon Railroad Historical Technical Society. Retrieved 2015/03/16. <http://www.monon.org/history.php>

"The Monon Railroad". The Dept - Railroad Museum. Retrieved 2015/03/16. <http://salemdepot.com/monon-rr.html>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes autographed, signed letters; typed, signed letters; autographed documents; company information; maps; an incomplete dissertation; notes; and newspaper and magazine information

from Leland S. Van Scoyoc in Indianapolis, Indiana and the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company and Monon Railroad Company in Indianapolis, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; and Louisville, Kentucky., ranging from 1842-1957 and regarding the railroad's history.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/04/17 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/04/17 by Edythe Huffman.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L101: Monon Railroad collection, 1946-1972, undated

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Chicago, Indianapolis, and Louisville Railroad Company.
- Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railway Company.
- New Albany and Salem Railroad Company.

Geographic Name(s)

- Chicago (Ill.)
- Indiana
- Kentucky

Personal Name(s)

- Van Scoyoc, Leland S.

Subject(s)

- American business history
- Annual reports

- Correspondence
- Manuscript
- Monon (Railroad)
- Railroads

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Agreement, charters, contracts, legal documents, stocks, 1842-1952	1	1
Annual reports, 1850-1853, 1859	1	2
Annual report, 1852	1	3
Annual reports, 1859-1860	1	4
Annual reports, 1861-1864	1	5
Annual report, 1886	1	6
Annual reports, 1905-1940	2	1
Annual reports, 1941-1947	2	2
Annual reports, 1948-1954	2	3
Annual reports, 1955-1968	2	4
Annual report notes, 1910-1941	2	5
Monon monthly reports, 1941-1951	3	1

Monon monthly reports, 1952-1954	3	2
Dining car service, 1893-1947, undated	3	3
Directors' inspection special booklet, 1951 April	3	4
Directors' inspection special booklet, May 1953	3	5
Lincoln funeral train documents, 1865	3	6
Local timetables, 1880-1907, undated	3	7
Monon articles, 1947-1952, undated	3	8
Miscellaneous, 1874-1953, undated	3	9
Photographs, 1947, undated	4	1
Rules and regulations and labor agreements, 1924-1948, undated	4	2
Service lists and news documents, 1950-1952, undated	4	3
Statistics, 1921-1951	4	4
Tariffs and regulations, 1915-1951	4	5
Track charts, 1915-1951	4	6

Notes, 1835-1899	4	7
Dissertation paperwork, 1949-1950	5	1
Dissertation draft (pages 1-39), undated	5	2
Dissertation, manuscript draft (Chapters 1-4), undated	5	3
Dissertation, manuscript draft (Chapters 5-7), undated	5	4
Dissertation, manuscript draft (Chapters 8-9), undated	5	5
Dissertation, manuscript draft (Chapters 10-11), undated	5	6
Dissertation, manuscript draft (Chapters 12-13), undated	5	7
Correspondence, 1950-1953	6	1
Expenses related to research, 1950-1951	6	2
Company records notes, 1847-1890	6	3
"Commercial and Financial Chronicle", 1871-1951; "Louisville Courier-Journal" and "Interstate Commerce Commission" notes, undated	6	4
"Railway Age" notes, 1918-1950	6	5

Notes, miscellaneous	6	6
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Dissertation draft (Chapters 1-6), undated	6	7
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Dissertation draft (Chapters 7, 9, 11), undated	6	8
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Dissertation draft (Chapters 12-13), undated	6	9
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